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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN POLICY TOWARDS FUELING US MILITARY SHIPS

AND AIRCRAFT

1. SUMMARY: GOM HAS ASKED SHELL OIL COMPANY TO REFRAIN FROM BUNKERING US NAVAL VESSELS FOR TIME BEING IN ORDER AVOID REPERCUSSIONS FROM ARAB OIL PRODUCERS, HOWEVER NO OFFICIAL POLICY ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN FORMULATED OR ENUNCIATED. ATTITUDE TOWARD FUELING US MILITARY AIRCRAFT NOT KNOWN. END SUMMARY.

2. US NAVY DE, USS BADGER, PLANNING INFORMAL PORT CALL AT PENANG DEC 15-18 FOR WHICH EMBASSY REQUESTED CLEARANCE FROM MALAYSIAN FONMIN. WHILE REPLY TO REQUEST NOT YET RECEIVED, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THROUGH SENIOR OFFICER OF SHELL OIL COMPANY THAT GOM HAS ASKED SHELL NOT BUNKER BADGER OR OTHER US NAVAL VESSELS QUOTE FOR TIME BEING UNQUOTE. GOM MADE CLEAR TO SHELL IT HAS TAKEN NO FORMAL DECISION ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO FUELING US FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS.

3. US MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE NOT VISITED MALAYSIA SINCE IMPOSITION ARAB OIL EMBARGO, THEREFORE EMBASSY HAS HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TEST GOM ATTITUDE TOWARD FUELING USAF OR OTHER MILITARY AIRCRAFT. DEMONSTRATION VISIT BY OV-10 DEC 4-6 WILL NOT BE TEST AS VISIT TAKING PLACE AT REQUEST OF RMAF AND AT RMAF BASE.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE ITS POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR ARABS ON ME ISSUES WHICH HAS EARNED MALAYSIA PLACE ON LIST OF COUNTRIES EXEMPT FROM EMBARGO, GOM VALUES ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND OBVIOUSLY HOPES AVOID GIVING OFFICIAL REFUSAL FOR BADGER VISIT, IF THIS POSSIBLE. ON OTHER HAND, IF FORCED TO CONFRONT ISSUE OF SUPPLYING US MILITARY SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT GOM WOULD HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO REFUSE FUELING. SINCE MALAYSIA HAS NEVER SERVED AS IMPORTANT FUELING POINT FOR US SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EMBASSY BELIEVES NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO FORCE ISSUE AT THIS TIME AND, IF DECISION MADE GO AHEAD BADGER VISIT, WE BE AUTHORIZED INFORM GOM CONFIDENTIALLY THAT BUNKERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THIS MATTER BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE SO AS TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF FORCING GOM INTO MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT. (THIS IS A JOINT EMBASSY-DATT MESSAGE.)

5. FOR CINCPACFLT/COM7THFLT - PLEASE INFORM AFFECTED UNITS.
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